

LOUDOUN COUNTY EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL, INC.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, February 16, 2004

The February meeting of the ALS Committee was held on February 16, 2004 with the following members in attendance:

Co. 3	Excused	Co. 14	J. Merritt
Co. 4	V. Chirechella	Co. 15	F. Gansel
Co. 6	J. Downs	Co. 17	R. Breton
Co. 8	Excused	LCFR	Brown, Hale, Salazar
Co. 9	K. Fraley	Chair	L. Kelly
Co. 10	T. Boan	LHC	W. Harvel
Co. 12	K. Deli	OMD/AOMD	J. Morgan
Co. 13	P. Russell		

In Attendance: Robin Davis, Co. 15

Public Comments

None

Minutes

The minutes of the January 2004 meeting were amended to show that Patty Russell was approved for release as a member of Company 13. The minutes of the January 2004 meeting were approved as amended.

Motion: Approve January 2004 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved

Medical Director's Report

Dr. Morgan discussed a question that some of the E.D. physicians had about notification of an incoming patient. Sometimes they are receiving a call from Communications with only a brief notification. There was discussion concerning the notification process and it was agreed to discuss this at the upcoming monthly meeting with LHC staff.

Loudoun Hospital Center Report

No report. Kit Fraley asked that staff identify themselves by position title. There was discussion concerning transports between Cornwall and Lansdowne and the recent comments in the media. A meeting is being scheduled by Mr. Clem (BOS, Chair of the Public Safety Committee) with system leadership and LHC officials to discuss this issue and the problems it has created. It was the consensus of the Committee that this was the appropriate course of action.

Working Groups

ALS Skills Maintenance

No report

Protocols

Dr. Sabella has signed the protocols.

Courses

Jose Salazar reported:

- ALS Refresher/CT to I Upgrade ongoing and has been extended one week due to the weather. Testing is February 29
- ACLS and ACLS Renewal was held this past week end and it well
- EMT-E to EMT-I Bridge class only has 3 applicants and since there were no others brought forward the class was cancelled. An EMT-E Refresher will be done since 2 of the applicants expire in June
- ALS Preceptor – Test March 8 and Class is March 10
- Paramedic Accreditation – the first step is completed and we have been assigned a site number. This will extend our accreditation until the process is completed.
- ALS Challenge Test is February 29

The following were approved to be recommended to the OMD for the ALS Challenge Test on February 29:

Bill Lyden, Co. 15	CT//P
Catherine Ippilito, LCFR	CT//P
Michael Nichols, LCFR	CT//P
Daniel Rinehart, CLFR	CT//P
Todd Wenner, LCFR	CT//P
Joe Fitzgerald, Co. 6	ST/E
Ms. Loff-Like, Co. 15	ST/E (pending receipt of TD-TR, interview and class)

The interview process was discussed.

Motion: Initial, entry-level applicants will receive a full interview of the applicant and the Chief. If an applicant is moving up (i.e. EMT-E to EMT-I) and has not had a break in service for two years, then only the Chief has to be interviewed. If the applicant has had an issue raised by the ALS Committee, Training Staff or the OMD, then a full interview will be conducted.

Vote: Approved

ALS Technician Status

Fred Gansel provided a report on the status of 15 ALS Preceptees. He expects one or two will be proposed for release next month.

Old Business

The Committee was advised that Jeff Fletcher from DIT is expected to have samples of ALS ID's for review at next months meeting.

Karen Deli presented draft preceptor forms for review. After a discussion the Chair appointed Randy Breton, Karen Deli, Robin Davis, Daniel Neal and Fred Gansel to a Working Group to review suggestions and bring them back to the Committee.

Karen Deli reported that she had an unsatisfactory meeting with the Physio-Control Service personnel and that they are changing batteries as requested. No report was available from Co. 3 yet.

New Business

Leo Kelly discussed a meeting that was held with Petroleum Helicopters Inc., which currently is operating as AirCare. They are looking at basing a Medevac helicopter in Leesburg.

ALS Candidate Guidelines are going to be coming from the Rescue Chiefs to the Committee for review. These will be used as criteria for Chiefs to use when recommending someone for an ALS course or Challenge.

Chairman Kelly asked that the Committee consider the selection process for preceptors to include an interview process for discussion next month.

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